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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Response to Amendment filed on December 12, 2002

The reply filed on December 12, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The Applicant's reply does not comply with 37 CFR 1.111(b) because it does not respond to nonstatutory double patenting rejection of claims 1-50 and 56-178. Since a double patenting rejection is not a matter of form, a request may not be made that the issue be held in abeyance. A bona fide response must include either (1) a terminal disclaimer or (2) arguments distinctly and specifically pointing out the supposed errors in the examiner's action. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a time period of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. Extensions of this time period may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire **one month (not less than 30 days)** from the mailing date of this letter. Failure to respond within the period for response will result in **ABANDONMENT** of the application (see 35 U.S.C. 133, M.P.E.P. 710.02, 710.02(b)).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew Caldwell, whose telephone number is (703) 306-3036. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by phone fail, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne, can be reached at (703) 308-7562. Additionally, the fax numbers for Group 2100 are as follows:

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